

Remarks

Amendments to the Claims

In the Office Action dated December 23, 2008, pending claims 21, 23, 25 and 26 were rejected. However, the Examiner merely objected to claims 22, 24 and 27 and stated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

With this response Applicants have canceled Claims 21, 23, 25 and 26. Applicants have also requested the amendment of previously objected to claims 22, 24 and 27.

Claim 22 was amended to include all of the limitations of base claim 21.

Claim 24 was amended to include all of the limitations of base claim 23.

Claim 27 was amended to include all of the limitations of base claim 26.

Conclusion

In view of the requested amendments to the claims and the remarks set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all pending Claims are in condition for allowance as presently presented. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. In the Examiner has questions or comments regarding any of the foregoing, a call to the undersigned is encouraged and welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

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